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1. Communist propaganda has been introduced in the schools, the same as everywhere else. Illustrated books are published for children under school age, so that the first thing a child sees is the picture of "Uncle Stalin". He is taught to be thankful to his Uncle, who cares for him in every way. Then he sees the same picture when he is walking in the streets, and exclaims: "Look, there is Uncle Stalin". It is very risky to try to explain to the child that he is a "naughty Uncle", for the child might repeat such words in the hearing of an informer, and that would certainly bring dire results.

2. The teaching and education of children in schools, however, is not altogether satisfactory from the Communists' point of view. Articles are often published in the press stating that in this or that school the education is not up to the required ideological-political standards, and accusing teachers of "bourgeois nationalism", subservience to the West, etc. In the schools, the same as in every factory or other establishment, there is a party organizer, the "Partorg", who is responsible for the political organization.

3. In spite of all the propaganda, the youth of Estonia have retained until now their national consciousness, and regard themselves as standing higher than the Russians with all their "high culture". In the mixed schools and on the street, jeers are often heard against the Russians; and after dark, when no officials are present, fights occur. In boarding schools, there is singing of fervent patriotic songs. Fights also occur between Estonian conscripts and Russian soldiers.

4. On the square in front of Kaurli Church in Tallinn, a temporary wooden monument to the Red Army soldiers was put up, which was guarded night and day by armed militiamen, and also lighted at night. Nevertheless, one winter night in 1948 it was blown up, and windows in the vicinity were shattered by the explosion. Youths from local schools were believed to be responsible; and, according to residents in the locality, the schools there were searched re-

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peatedly, but the culprits were not discovered.

5. School pupils are being obliged to join the Communist Youth organizations; many do it for show, but also in order to obtain the higher stipends or educational grants.

Sports in Schools

6. Sport in the elementary and secondary schools and universities has the character of military training and includes throwing hand grenades, exercises with real and dummy rifles, firing practice with small-caliber sports rifles, passing through and over all kinds of obstacles, march and parade step drill, and bayonet fighting. Football, volleyball, and basketball games are very popular.

Other Sports

7. Obligatory exercises are also organized for adults working in shops, factories, or other establishments, and consist of short distance races, jumping, swimming, cross-country running, patrol and relay skiing.
8. The sport of motorcycling is greatly encouraged, and rides which have an obviously military character over very difficult terrain without roads are being organized. Last summer (1950) in the big TT race which is held on the Pirita-Kose track, foreign motorcycles were not allowed to compete, as the vehicles produced at home were "more perfect". Yet these "perfect" motorcycles fell far short of the speed attained by foreign vehicles in the last TT grand race of the Estonian Republic, for which the track record of 107 km per hour still remains unbeaten. Furthermore, many of the "renowned home products" failed to finish, so that the first prize was only a matter of chance.

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